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In re Matter of Application Serial No. 85/587,640 for the trademark HINT in Class 18

Hint Incorporated,

Opposer,

v.

Sunrise Apparel Group, LLC,

Applicant.

Opposition No. 91-212519

SECOND MOTION TO AMEND APPLICATION AND ANSWER TO NOTICE OF OPPOSITION

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Pursuant to TBMP § 507.01 and Fed. R. Civ. P. 15(a), Applicant Sunrise Apparel Group, LLC ("Applicant") hereby moves for leave a second time to amend the above-identified application and its Answer to the Notice of Opposition filed on October 28, 2013. This motion is supported by the accompanying brief, and such other papers and argument as may be presented to the Board.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: February 3, 2014 /Jill M. Pietrini/

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BRIEF IN SUPPORT OF MOTION

I. FACTUAL BACKGROUND

A. First Motion to Amend

On September 16, 2013, Opposer Hint Incorporated ("Opposer") filed a Notice of Opposition against Applicant's application Serial No. 85/587,640 to register the mark HINT in Class 18 for "Handbags; wallets; key chains of leather or imitation".

On October 28, 2013, Applicant filed its Answer to the Notice of Opposition, identifying seven affirmative defenses.

On November 15, 2013, Applicant filed a Motion to Amend its Answer and Application, requesting amendment of its application to restrict the identification of goods, by inserting the following limitation, as indicated in bold underline:

Handbags; wallets; key chains of leather or imitation, <u>sold</u> <u>through the retail outlet Vanity</u>

Applicant concurrently moved for amendment of its Answer to the Notice of Opposition to assert an eighth affirmative defense, namely, the restriction of its identification of goods.

On December 9, 2013, Opposer filed an opposition to Applicant's motion stating that Opposer did not consent to the proposed amendment, and that Applicant proposed amendment was defective because Applicant did not consent to judgment against it on the original identification of goods, the amendment included the registered mark of another, and the amendment is vague.

On February 3, 2014, the Board issued an Order denying the Motion to Amend both the Answer and the Application without prejudice for the same reasons stated in its December 16, 2013 order ("Board's Order"). The Board stated that the proposed amendment to the identification was unacceptable because (1) it contained a trademark registered to another entity, (2) Applicant did not unreservedly consent to judgment on the original broad description, and (3) Applicant did not explain how the restriction would alleviate the likelihood of confusion. The

Board stated that the proposed amendment to amend the Answer to add the eighth affirmative defense was futile in light of the denial to amend the identification of goods.

II. THE MOTION TO AMEND SHOULD BE GRANTED

A. Proposed Amendment of Applicant's Application and Answer to Notice of Opposition

Applicant hereby moves the Board for leave to amend Applicant's application to restrict the identification of goods, by inserting the following limitation, as indicated in bold underline:

Handbags; wallets; key chains of leather or imitation, sold only through one national retail clothing, footwear, headwear, and accessories store owned by Vanity Shop of Grand Forks, Inc. or its assigns which has brick and mortar stores and an ecommerce website.

Applicant concurrently moves for amendment of its Answer to the Notice of Opposition to assert an eighth affirmative defense, namely, the restriction of the identification of goods.

Attached hereto as **Exhibit A** is a true and correct clean version of the Amended Answer to the Notice of Opposition. Attached hereto as **Exhibit B** is a true and correct redlined version showing the changes between the original Answer and the Amended Answer.

B. The Board Should Grant Applicant's Leave to Amend the Application and the Answer to the Notice of Opposition

1. Standard for Amending Pleadings

Amendments to pleadings in *inter partes* proceedings before the Board are governed by the FEDERAL RULES OF CIVIL PROCEDURE. TBMP § 507.01 ("[P]leadings in an inter partes proceeding before the Board may be amended in the same manner and to the same extent as in a civil action in a United States district court."). The Board liberally grants leave to amend pleadings "at any stage of the proceeding where necessary to bring about a furtherance of justice unless it is shown that entry of the amendment would violate settled law or be prejudicial to the rights of the opposing party." *Commodore Electronics Ltd. v. CBM Kabushiki Kaisha*, 26 USPQ2d 1503, 1505 (TTAB 1993) (quoting *American Optical Corp. v. American Olean Tile Co., Inc.*, 168 USPQ 471, 473 (TTAB 1971)).

Importantly, Applicant need not prove its case on this motion to amend nor prove a likelihood of success on the merits. Rather, Applicant must merely satisfy the liberal pleading standards of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and those of the Board.

2. Standard for Amending an Application in an Inter Partes Case

The amendment of any application that is the subject of an *inter partes* proceedings before the Board is governed by the TRADEMARK RULES OF PRACTICE § 2.133. TBMP §514.01. An application may not be amended in substance, except with the consent of the other party and the approval of the Board, or exception upon motion granted by the Board. *Id.* If the motion is made without the consent of the other party, it should ordinarily be made prior to trial, to give the other party fair notice thereof. TBMP §514.03. The proposed amendment must also comply with all other applicable rules and statutory provisions, namely, impermissible amendments such as a material alteration of the mark will not be granted. *Id.* The Board generally will defer determination until final decision or until the case is decided by summary judgment. TBMP §514.03.

The Board has the authority, under Section 18 of the Trademark Act, to approve and enter a proposed restriction if the Board finds that an applicant is not entitled to registration in the absence of a restriction. If the Board finds that an applicant is entitled to registration even without the proposed restriction, the Board has the authority to allow the applicant time to indicate whether it still wishes to have the restriction entered. TBMP §514.03. "[I]f the proposed amendment limits the identification of goods or services and the applicant consents to the entry of judgment on the question of, for example, a likelihood of confusion with the goods or services to be deleted, it may be approved, even where an opposer objects." TBMP §514.01; Drive Trademark Holdings LLC v. Inofin, 83 USPQ2d 1433, 1435-36 (TTAB 2007).

To reconcile the cases on motions to amend applications with TBMP §514.03, it appears that the issue if whether the applicant must consent to judgment is one of timing. If the Board decides the motion to amend at trial during its final decision, the applicant may assert the amendment in the alternative. *See Embarcadero Technologies, Inc. v. Rstudio Inc.*, 105 USPQ2d

1825, 1828-29, 1840 (TTAB 2013) (allowing amendment at trial without the applicant consenting to judgment on the broader description of goods.) In *Embarcadero*, the Board allowed a motion to amend, even though the applicant did not expressly consent to judgment on the original broad description:

In its answer, applicant does not assert the Section 18 affirmative defense or otherwise raise the issue of a restriction to its descriptions of goods and services. Nevertheless, we find applicant's alternative request to restrict its descriptions of goods and services timely inasmuch as its motion was filed before the close of discovery. Moreover, the issue of the proposed restriction was clearly tried by the parties and argued in their respective trial briefs. Accordingly, we deem the answer in this proceeding to be amended to include the Section 18 affirmative defense. Fed. R. Civ. P. 15(b). We further note that the Section 18 affirmative defense is raised in the alternative; applicant did not explicitly consent to judgment being entered against it with respect to the original, broader descriptions of goods and services. In its trial brief, applicant focuses the bulk of its arguments against finding a likelihood of confusion based on the restricted, narrower scope of applicant's goods and services.

Nevertheless, applicant also suggests the amendments may not be "necessary" and requests that the Board offer applicant the option to reconsider entry of the amendments "in the event that the Board determines that applicant is entitled to registration of its mark even without the proposed amendments." Brief, p. 31. With the above in mind, we address applicant's Section 18 affirmative defense in this decision, as requested, in the alternative. That is, we have considered the original, unamended descriptions of goods in our likelihood of confusion analysis, and upon finding a likelihood of confusion therewith, we have also considered whether applicant has established its Section 18 affirmative defense, i.e., whether the proposed restrictions negate the likelihood of confusion.

Embarcadero Technologies, 105 USPQ.2d at 1828-29 (emphasis added.)

The parties tried both the original and the amended description of goods through to trial. The Board ultimately found that "Applicant has established its Section 18 defense" and there was no likelihood of confusion based on the amended (restricted) identification of goods and services. *Id.* at 1840.

If the Board elects to decide the motion to amend before trial or summary judgment, the applicant must consent to judgment on the broader original description of goods or services. *See Drive Trademark Holdings LLC v. Inofin*, 83 USPQ2d 1433, 1435-36 (TTAB 2007)¹ and *Johnson & Johnson v. Stryker Corporation*, 109 USPQ2d 1077, 1078-79 (TTAB 2013). Thus, the case will be tried only on the narrower description of goods or services if allowed. "If the applicant wishes to avoid the possibility of a res judicata effect of the entry of judgment, an applicant seeking to amend its identification of goods or recitation of services must set forth adequate reasons for the amendment. [citations omitted.] That is, an applicant must make a prima facie showing that the proposed amendment serves to change the nature and character of the goods and services or to restrict their channels of trade and customers in such a manner that a substantially different issue for trial has been introduced from the issue presented by the opposition against the application based on the original identification of goods and services." *Drive Trademark*, 83 USPQ2d at 1435.

Accordingly, to recap the requirements for a motion to amend the identification of goods or services in an application before trial or summary judgment, the Board looks to see whether the following circumstances are present: (1) the proposed amendment must serve to limit the broader identification of goods or services; (2) the applicant must consent to the entry of judgment on the grounds for opposition with respect to the broader identification of goods or services present at publication; (3) if the applicant wishes to avoid the possibility of a *res judicata* effect of the entry of judgment on the original identification, the applicant must make a *prima facie* showing that the proposed amendment serves to change the nature and character of the goods and services or to restrict their channels of trade and customers so as to introduce a

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[&]quot;We note that if applicant were to file a timely, renewed motion to amend his recitation, with supporting specimens, applicant would have to agree to accept judgment with respect to the services deleted, **or the consideration of any renewed motion would be deferred until after trial**. In that event, opposer will be on notice that it must prepare for trial as to both the recitation as it currently reads and the recitation as proposed in the renewed motion." (emphasis added). *Drive Trademark*, 83 USPO2d at 1436.

substantially different issue for trial; and (4) where required to support the basis of the subject application, any specimens of record must support the goods or services. *Johnson & Johnson*, 109 USPQ2d at 1078-79.

The Board should approve amendment of Applicant's application in this case because the proposed amendment limits the identification of goods to a single channel of trade to which Opposer does not sell its alleged goods, thereby further avoiding any alleged likelihood of confusion with Opposer's mark and presenting a substantially different issue for trial. In addition, Applicant consents to entry of judgment, without *res judicata* effect, as to its original description. Opposer is not prejudiced by the proposed amendment because Applicant's motion is timely brought and well before the start of discovery, much less trial.

C. The Proposed Amendment is Properly Stated

First, the proposed amendment limits the broader description of goods in the application.

Second, the proposed amendment of Applicant's identification of goods is not vague and ambiguous, as the Board's Order asserts. Applicant notes that TMEP §1402.09 generally requires the use of generic wording in an identification of goods or services rather than use of a trademark that is registered to an entity other than the applicant. TMEP §1402.09; *Camloc Fastener Corp. v. Grant*, 119 USPQ 264, 265 n.1 (TTAB 1958). Applicant's proposed amended identification, however, is not the situation in which Applicant is proposing use of a registered trademark as a noun, such as iPodsTM instead of "portable music players", HDMITM instead of video audio cables, or YO-YO'sTM instead of "spinning toys". In those situations, certainly, use of generic wording is necessary in order for the public to know what the particular good or service is. In contrast, Applicant's reference to the national retail store owned by Vanity Shop of Grand Forks, Inc. is not as a replacement for a good or service, but merely identifies the specific channel of trade through which the goods are sold. Applicant must identify the owner of the retail store because it is one retail outlet in which the goods are sold. Applicant cannot state a type of retail outlet in its amended description without its specific owner because that would

encompass more than one retailer. Applicant's proposed amendment should therefore be accepted because it is neither vague nor ambiguous, but instead is properly stated.

D. The Proposed Amendment Would Alleviate Any Alleged Likelihood of Confusion

Applicant's proposed amendment would alleviate any alleged likelihood of confusion, even if Opposer's own identifications in its registrations do not contain any restrictions on the channels of trade. Opposer's and Applicant's channels of trade do not contain any overlap, such that any likelihood of confusion is alleviated. *Coach Services, Inc. v. Triumph Learning, LLC*, 668 F.3d 1356 (Fed. Cir. 2012). In *Coach*, the applicant applied to register a variety of COACH marks for the following goods and services, directed to teachers and students:

Computer software for use in child and adult education, namely, software to assist teachers and students at all levels in mastering standards-based curricula and in preparing for standardized exams; prerecorded audio and video tapes in the field of child and adult education, featuring materials to assist teachers and students at all levels in mastering standards-based curricula and in preparing for standardized exams, in Class 9; and

Printed materials in the field of child and adult education, namely, textbooks, workbooks, teacher guides and manuals, posters and flashcards, all featuring materials to assist teachers and students at all levels in mastering standards-based curricula and in preparing for standardized exams, in Class 16.

Coach Services, 668 F.3d at 1360-61.

The opposer asserted a variety of COACH marks for luxury products, including "handbags, luggage, clothing, watches, eye glasses, and wallets." *Id.* at 1361. The opposer's registrations did not contain any restrictions on the channels of trade. The Federal Circuit affirmed the Board's finding that the channels of trade were distinct. The Board found that the opposer sold its products through its 400 retail stores and through third-party retailers and advertised in newspapers, fashion magazines, and catalogs that target female consumers between the ages of 25-65 in all income brackets. *Id.* at 1370. The Board further found that the applicant

targeted educational professionals and marketed its products through catalogs, direct mail, and personal sales representatives. *Id.* Despite the fact that the opposer's registrations contained no restrictions on the channels of the trade, the Federal Circuit still concluded, "[un]der these circumstances, the Board did not err in concluding that the goods are not related and the channels of trade are distinct." *Id.* at 1371.

Similarly, it is irrelevant whether Opposer's registrations contain any kind of restriction. Opposer does not own any registrations for the standalone mark HINT in Class 25. The only registration Opposer owns in Class 25 is U.S. Reg. No. 4,357,028 for the mark HINT DRINK WATER NOT SUGAR. Opposer's other registrations demonstrate that Opposer is primarily in the beverage industry, which is not Applicant's industry. Applicant's authorized retailer Vanity Shop of Grand Forks, Inc. does not sell any beverages. Instead, as shown by its trademark registration numbers 4,005,713 and 3,755,533, Vanity Shop of Grand Forks, Inc. is a retail store that sells clothing, headwear, footwear, belts, tote bags, purses, wallets, jewelry, perfume, eyewear, gloves, mittens, and tights. See also pages from Vanity Shop of Grand Forks, Inc.'s website attached hereto as **Exhibit C**.

Opposer's products are sold through various food and beverage stores and through Amazon.com. See pages from Opposer's website located at <hintwater.com>, attached hereto as **Exhibit D,** which identifies Opposer's story and a list of retailers where its products can be found. Opposer's list of retailers does not include Vanity Shop of Grand Forks, Inc.

In short, Applicant's and Opposer's targeted customers are distinct and the channels of trade are distinct, alleviating any alleged likelihood of confusion. The amended description which restricts Applicant's channels of trade to one not used by Opposer raises a substantially different issue for trial

E. Applicant Consents to Judgment on the Original Description

Finally, given the timing of the Board's consideration of Applicant's motion to amend,

Applicant confirms that it accepts entry of judgment on Applicant's original identification of

goods without res judicial effect.

Applicant respectfully submits that under the Board's decisions and the TBMP,

Applicant is not required to expressly consent to an entry of judgment on its original description

of goods if it elects to proceed to trial on both descriptions. However, to expedite the resolution

of this case, Applicant agrees that the Board may decide this issue now and thereby consents to

judgment on the broader description of goods.

III. CONCLUSION

Having met the requirements for the amendment, Applicant requests that the Board enter

an order granting Applicant leave to amend its application to amend the identification of goods,

entering judgment against Applicant for the original description of goods without res judicata

effect, and granting Applicant leave to file its proposed amended Answer. Applicant further

requests that the Board deem that Applicant's Amended Answer filed and served.

Respectfully submitted,

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Jolt Sequin Raglan Fleece \$35.95



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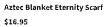


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Lace Halter Dress \$36.95



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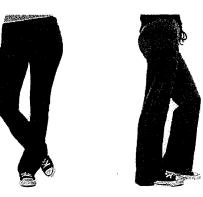


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Lace Love Sequin Sweatpants \$29.95





Rhinestone Leopard Sweatpants \$29.95



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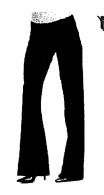
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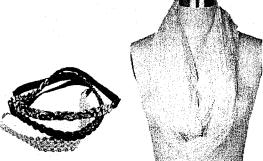


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Rhinestone Chiffon Headwrap \$8.95

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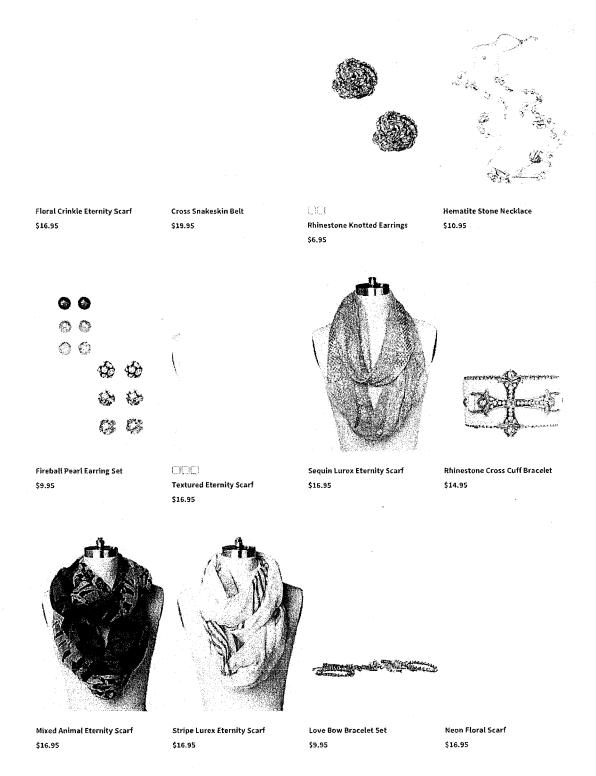
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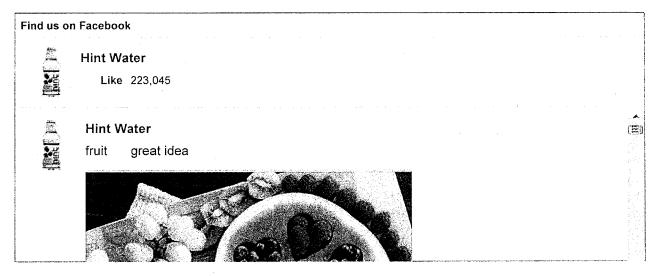
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so, since plain water didn't always quench that thirst for tasty refreshment, Kara created hint.

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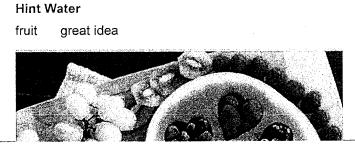
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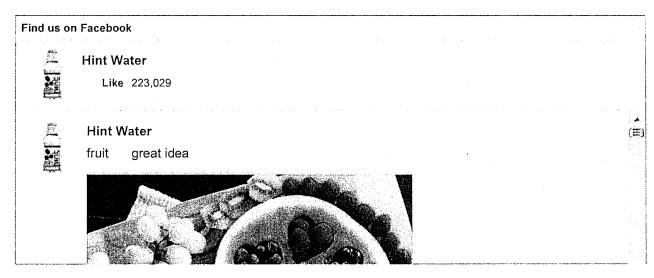
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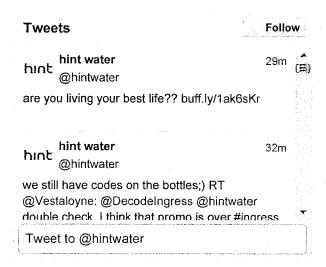












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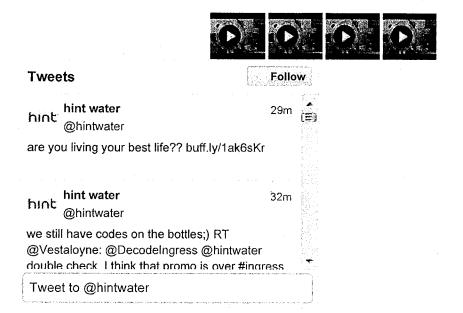
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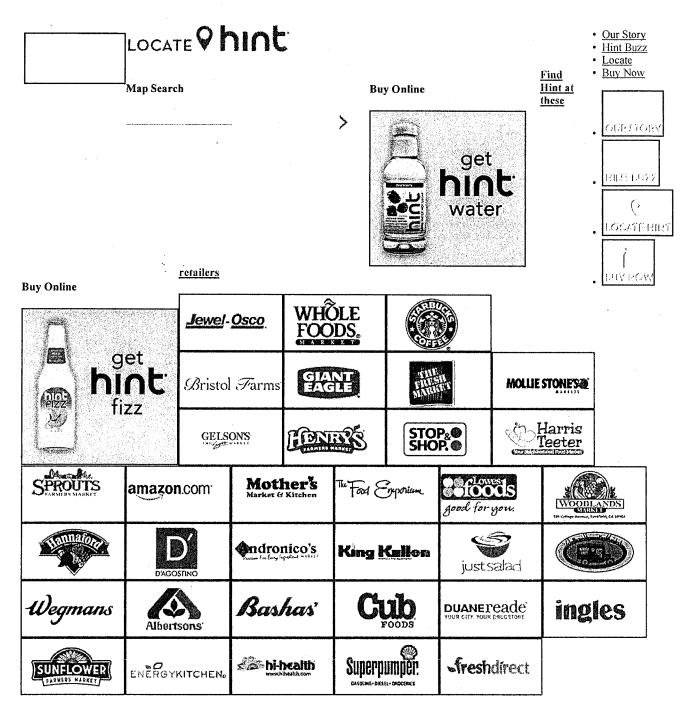
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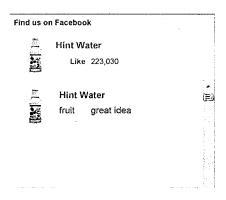




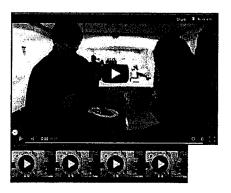




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